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MY BROTHER'S KEEPER COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

In February 2014, President Obama launched the My Brother's Keeper (MBK) initiative to address persistent opportunity gaps facing boys and young men of color and ensure that all young people can reach their full potential. The My Brother's Keeper Community Challenge seeks to inspire community leaders, and encourage their commitment to ensuring all young people can succeed.

The My Brother's Keeper Community Challenge encourages communities to convene leaders, identify effective strategies, and work together toward achieving the following goals:

1. Ensuring all children enter school cognitively, physically, socially and emotionally ready;
2. Ensuring all children read at grade level by third grade;
3. Ensuring all youth graduate from high school;
4. Ensuring all youth complete post-secondary education or training;
5. Ensuring all youth out of school are employed; and
6. Ensuring all youth remain safe from violent crime.

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The urgency of the situation requires a sustained effort from all of us. Local leadership is essential to building partnerships and developing plans of action to ensure a brighter future for all young people. The President is issuing a challenge to cities, towns, Tribal Nations, and counties to commit to building “My Brother’s Keeper Communities” and implementing a coherent cradle-to-college and career strategy, to ensure that all young people can succeed.

WE, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors

- 1) Accept the President’s Challenge and notify the White House that Los Angeles County will participate in the My Brother’s Keeper Community Challenge to help ensure that a greater number of our young people are positioned to succeed;
- 2) Direct the Interim Chief Executive Officer to convene a Local Action Summit including government stakeholders and external partners such as university presidents, student and youth groups, workforce development programs, business leaders , local education agencies, philanthropic entities, youth advocacy groups and faith based organizations; and
- 3) Designate a working group to conduct a policy review and form recommendations for action with targeted outcomes to help eliminate opportunity gaps and barriers facing youth in Los Angeles County, including boys and young men of color, and then return to the Board for direction, within 120 days of accepting the President’s Challenge, with a plan of action including next steps, and a timetable for review.

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